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Sir:

This paper is a preliminary amendment and constitutes a Rule 114 submission for the accompanying request for continued examination. There was an August 7, 2008 final Office Action (the "Office Action"). This paper sets forth as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks** begin on page 26 of this paper.